

Thank you, Volunteers!

We have lots to do and see and could not accomplish that without help. The Salato Wildlife Education Center is proud to recognize all of our wonderful volunteers! During 2004, 179 people donated 7,104 hours to a variety of activities. This is an increase of 245% from 2003. This year, volunteers participated in outreach programs, served as docents for exhibits, and helped advertise Salato on the WLEX morning show with Lee Cruse and in newspaper articles. They staffed the Wildlife

Diversity Bus, Derby Breakfast, Bourbon Festival, Herpetology House, Target-Athlon, and Halloween Walk with the Animals. They helped plant, weed, water, and maintain exhibits for the Native Plant Program, conducted weekend programs about wildlife, maintained databases, cleaned animal pens, and created miles and miles of new hiking trails. Most importantly, having volunteers answer phones, greet the public, and work in the gift shop allowed our staff the time they needed to complete other work. An incentive program was put into place in 2004 to reward all volunteers for their hard work and to assure that they get the recognition that they

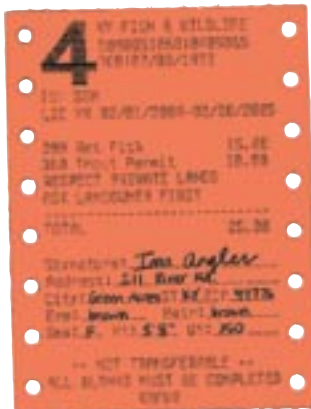


Sylvia Chelf accepts the Salato Center Volunteer of the Year Award. The Salato Center Jr., Native Plant, and Overall 1st Place Winners were Megan Reid, Ann Blevins, and Gail Watkins, respectively.

Are you interested in volunteer or internship opportunities? If so, we could use you! You only need a minimum amount of knowledge and a generous dose of enthusiasm to begin developing your skills as a great volunteer. Call 502-564-7863 and ask for Mark Watkins, or visit our website for more information. Go to fw.ky.gov and click on "Salato".

deserve. THANK YOU, from all of our staff and we look forward to seeing you again in the upcoming year!

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Expire Monday, Feb. 28! Time to Renew...



Hunters, boaters and anglers have always been at the forefront of conservation efforts in Kentucky. Did you know that the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations? Or that proceeds from the sale collector waterfowl stamps alone have bought hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands in Kentucky for permanent protection and conservation! Even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in conserving Kentucky's abundant wildlife resources is the purchase of hunting and/or fishing permits. The Ken-

tucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers its diverse services to all Kentuckians without relying on general tax fund dollars.

WINTER HOURS (Oct. 1 to Apr. 30)

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS (May 1 to Sept. 30)

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The Center is closed on
Mondays.

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UNBRIDLED SPIRIT™

The best things in life are free. Like admission to the Salato Center.

Friday, March 4 Flying WILD Teachers Workshop

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10. (Scholarships available for people in the Bluegrass PRIDE service area.) Limit: 40.
Participants: Educators, naturalists and youth group leaders.

They sing, chip and chirp, are red, yellow, blue, brown, in the trees, and on the ground. We are talking about birds. Birds are important to our ecosystem, culture, and recreation; yet 10% of bird species in the U.S. are threatened or endangered. This workshop offers easy-to-use, hands-on lessons and content information relating to birds. New from Project WILD, the Flying WILD activity guide features best education practices, correlation to national science standards, and ideas for community service, habitat improvement and conducting a school-based bird festival. Activity guide and other bird-related materials are provided. Lunch will be furnished, and 6 hours of professional development credit is available for participants. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

Saturday, March 5 Gourd Birdhouse Workshop

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20. Limit: 15.
Participants: Ages 16 and up. A great activity for artists and future biologists alike!

Providing habitat for many species of wildlife is critical for their survival. Join Mary Carol Cooper to paint a dried

gourd that has been pre-drilled to the perfect specifications for Purple Martins - great insect eaters! Think of a design you would like to paint or let us give you a few ideas. Each one is a unique masterpiece. You'll get to take your birdhouse home, and the birds will simply love you for it!



Create a work of art and learn about the birds in your own back yard. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

Saturday, March 12 Orienteering for Kids

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10. Limit: 12.
Participants: Age 10 and up. Note: Most children have not developed the spatial reasoning skills (or patience) needed to enjoy and learn from this workshop until the 4th or 5th grade. Great for scouts!

Hey kids! Orienteering can be a valuable tool to prevent you from getting lost! Join our Salato Educator and hiking hobbyist, Alisa, for an afternoon of finding your way around using maps and a compass. When you are finished with the instruction, Alisa will set up a course for you to let you test your new orienteering skills. Make sure you dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes! **Registration and pre-payment required.**

*Kentucky Afield Gift
Shop Spring Sale
March 16 – 31
(15% off)*

Sunday, March 20 Basics of Fly Tying

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20. Limit: 10.
Participants: Ages 10 – 16

Please join Charlie Downs of Trout Unlimited for this "First Cast" fly tying workshop especially for children. Not only will they learn the basics of fly tying but participants will also leave with the flies he or she ties and all the knowledge needed to continue practicing their new skills at home. We'll also offer a beginner fly fishing session in the afternoon (not included) so you'll be ready to hit the streams in no time! This is the same class offered elsewhere for a lot higher price! **Registration and pre-payment required.** Kids, you can register for both workshops for only \$30!



Sunday, March 20 Basics of Fly Fishing

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20. Limit: 10 (more if you have your own equipment!)
Participants: Ages 5 and up

Now that you've gotten a taste for tying the flies, let's let Greg Potter from Trout Unlimited show you the basics with a fly fishing rod. He'll break it down into simple terms and explain the many different options for fly-fishing. Then take a short

stroll down to the Game Farm Lakes and learn to do a little casting. If you have your own fly fishing rod, please bring it! If not, don't worry. Thanks to the Orvis Outdoor Store in Lexington, we'll have some loaners for you to borrow. Interested in building a fly rod of your own? Let us know! With enough interest we'll offer this as a workshop in the future. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

**March 27
Easter Sunday**
The Salato Center
will be closed.

Saturday, April 9 and Friday, April 29 The Mighty Chestnut's Return

1:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE! Limit: None.
Participants: All are welcome!

Once common, the majestic American Chestnut (*Castana dentata*) has all but disappeared from our forests. This species was once known as the redwood of the east. Learn about the cause of their dramatic decline, the impact of its loss on wildlife, and the efforts to save this species. Michael French of the American Chestnut Foundation will be sharing his version of the Chestnut's story with us. After the presentation, we will be planting offspring from the Kentucky State Champion tree at Salato (only on April 9). **No registration required.**



April 4 - 8

Spring Break Destination: Salato!

Spring break is a great time to grab family and friends and visit the Salato Wildlife Education Center on the Game Farm.

During the week of April 4 to April 8 join us for a weeklong celebration for kids on Spring Break. It is a short drive, so pack a picnic lunch (or make use of our grills) and plan to spend the day with us – for free! **No registration is required.**

Monday – Do your chores! We're closed...

Tuesday – Salato Raptors. Come and see our live Birds of Prey with special programs at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Get out and stretch your legs with a nature hike to look for early bloomers. 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Thursday – Fishy Fun. Stop by today (or any day) to borrow a fishing pole for use on the Game Farm lakes. We will provide the bait!

Friday – Signs of Wildlife. Come help us discover the signs wildlife leave behind and the places they inhabit. All day.

Saturday – Join us for the start of Environmental Education week by creating and using your own Nature Journal. 10:00 a.m.



April 30

Spring Plant Sale

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar! Come out and take advantage of our excess plant inventory. We're selling our extra native plants in order to make room for next year's planting needs. You can also get advice on gardening with natives from the greenhouse volunteers and Salato staff. Take time to tour the Salato gardens to see mature native plants happily growing in their native soil!

Sunday, April 10 Overcoming Physical Barriers with Tim Farmer

2:00 p.m.

Cost: None. Limit: None.
Participants: Anyone
needing modified
equipment

He's back again! If you're a fan of the Kentucky Afield television program on KET, you've no doubt seen host Tim Farmer accomplish some amazing tasks without the use of his right arm. What's even more amazing is that Tim enjoyed full use of his arm until an accident nearly severed it as an adult. He loved to hunt and fish before the accident and Tim credits a number of people for helping him find the modifications for his equipment that allowed him to return to the field. Here's your chance to ask Tim for advice on returning to or learning about hunting and fishing, despite physical challenges! Tim Farmer and representatives from the Shriners and Kosair Hospitals will be at the Salato Center to help you or someone you care about get back to independence in the woods and on the water. No registration required.



Please don't forget to save something on your taxes! In addition to buying a hunting and fishing license, you can use the voluntary write-off at the end of your tax return to help us protect and promote fish and wildlife resources throughout Kentucky. As always, we thank you for your continued support at tax time and throughout the year!

Saturday, April 16 Medicinal Plants

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Limit: 20.

Participants: Adults

Have you ever thought about why we use spice in our food or why we have those pesky yard weeds? Join Medicinal Herbalist Katie Clark and Mary Carol Cooper, Salato's Native Plant Program Coordinator, to discover why and how plants can help in our daily lives and in times of illness. We will learn to make your own teas, poultices, tinctures, and salves.

Registration and prepayment required.

April 17 - 22 Celebrate National Wildlife Week and Earth Day

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Limit: None. Cost: Free!

Participants: All ages.

Join the staff at Salato for the 2005 National Wildlife Week and Earth Day Celebration. We will have activities all week celebrating Environmental Heroes. We will be sharing ways that you can have a personal impact in your own community and explore ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. Call us for more details!

Friday, April 22 - Earth Day Friday, April 29 - Arbor Day Free Trees!

That's right! The Salato Wildlife Education Center is offering free trees to the first 500 families who visit us on Earth Day, and another 500 trees on Arbor Day. The trees are 12-18" wild plum (*Prunus americana*) saplings. These small trees provide excellent cover and food for a variety of wildlife species, as well as attractive springtime blooms

for your garden or fence row.

By planting these trees, you can renew an

important wildlife resource. Come by and enjoy Salato, and take home a tree for the furry friends in your backyard while supplies last.

Saturday, April 23 Peek at the Past with Simon Kenton

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free! Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience life in the 1800's in Kentucky? At that time, your nearest neighbor may be 40 miles away and there were no interstates to travel along. Come and listen to Chautauqua Mel Hankla's historically accurate impersonation of the romantic and tragic life of one of Kentucky's fascinating characters from the past, Simon Kenton. Mr. Kenton walked

the hills of Kentucky before Daniel Boone, and lent his name to Kenton County, Ky!
Registration and pre-payment required.

Sunday, April 24 Wildflower Hike

1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5. Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome!

Since you're visiting Salato, why not see what is blooming this spring? Biologist Laurie Davison will lead a hike through the HabiTrek Trail in search of early buds and blooms, as well as the animals that depend upon them for their food and shelter. Along the way we'll discuss such topics as habitat, water quality, karst, and the impact of exotic species upon our environment.

Wear appropriate shoes and dress for the weather.

Registration and pre-payment required.



Programs with fewer than 5 people registered are subject to cancellation.

The Salato Wildlife Education Center has something for everyone.

Friday, April 29 Arbor Day Walk with a Forester

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8. Limit: 12.
Participants: All ages are
welcome!

Are you ready to get out and stretch your legs? Come enjoy our NEW Pea Ridge Trail and take advantage of the knowledge of State Forester, Ben Lyle. Along the trail, you may see mammals, birds, and of course, lots of trees. This is a moderately strenuous hike, so please wear appropriate shoes and dress for the weather. Each participant will receive a tree field guide to take home. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

April 30 Spring Plant Sale

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Kentucky Afield
Gift Shop
Mother's Day Sale
May 7 – 15
(10% off)*

May 7 Derby Day

Please join us in downtown Frankfort for the Governor's annual celebration of the most famous horse race in the world. The 131st running of the historic Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday May 7. To celebrate Salato's way, the Wildlife Di-

versity Bus will be present and we'll be unveiling the 2005 Wildflower of the Year! Afterwards, take your family to Salato to see more of Kentucky's 4-legged stars. Let's make a day of it in downtown Frankfort!



May 7 and May 8 10th Annual Tim Farmer Archery Classic

8:00 a.m.
Cost: \$12 for adults; \$10 for ages 13-18; \$8 for ages 7-12. Under six are free!
Participants: All are welcome!
For more information, contact the information center at (800) 858-1549.

This 2-day tournament features a range with 30-targets and cash prizes for the top finishers in several classes including traditional bow, long bow, and compound bow. Shooters of all skill levels are welcome to participate. People with disabilities interested in learning about archery are also encouraged to attend. Registration for the event begins 8 a.m. on Saturday May 7 in the classroom building at the Game Farm. Refreshments will be available for sale. This event will take place rain or shine.

May 14 International Migratory Bird Day

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE! Limit: None.
Stop by anytime!

The migration has plotted a course to Salato Wildlife Education center this year. In honor of International Migratory Bird Day, we will have lots of fun bird facts to share with you and FREE featherful activities and programs throughout the day. Also, during the entire month of May, Salato is bringing back the King Nest and Egg Exhibit. You can come and see our collection of antique eggs and nests from Kentucky. No registration is needed.

May 21 Archery for Beginners

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10. Limit: 25.
Participants: Anyone who can hold up a bow. An adult must accompany minors

Learning to shoot a bow is easy, so come out and try

your hand at hitting one of our 3-D archery targets. We'll provide the bows, targets, and all equipment necessary to get you started. Whether you're young or just young at heart, swing by the center and give archery a try! Join us for a day of archery fun! **Registration and pre-payment is required. May be cancelled due to weather.**

May 28 Birding by Ear

7:30 – 10:00 a.m.
and 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10. Limit: 12.
Participants: All ages are welcome!

Ah, the sounds of nature. Have you ever wondered who was singing that sweet

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Observed

We welcome your
out of town guests.
The Salato Center
will be OPEN!

It's Nature's way...

As spring approaches we wish to remind you that the Salato Wildlife Education Center is an educational facility and is NOT equipped to receive, treat or house injured or orphaned animals of any kind. In fact, it's best to allow natural cycles to proceed in order to keep animal populations in balance with the resources of their environment. Additionally, "Mom" is often present but hiding from a noisy, human intruder. If you are absolutely certain an animal is injured or orphaned and you must intervene, call 800-858-1549. We will try to put you in touch with a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, but remember that moving an injured animal may actually do more harm, resulting in an animal that can never return to the wild. In the case of birds of prey, it's against the law.

morning song? Come walk with biologist Danny Watson to discover the breeding birds around Salato. He will explore different habitats and identify songbirds by sight and sound. Everyone who participates will receive a Field Guide to take home with them. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5 Free Fishing Weekend!

Time: See below...
Cost: FREE! Limit: None.
Participants: All are welcome!

Don't forget about **Free Fishing Weekend** June 5 and 6,

2005! Residents and non-residents alike can fish Kentucky's public waters without a license during this weekend only. Size restrictions and creel limits still apply. **The Game Farm lakes will be closed to fishing on Wednesday (June 1) and Thursday (June 2) all day and Friday (June 3) until 5:00 p.m.**

Only children under 16 will be allowed to fish Friday after 5:00 p.m. and Saturday until 10:30 a.m. (June 4).

Check out the
"All Wild about
Kentucky's
Environment"
(AWAKE) website!



www.kentuckyawake.org

See our Calendar of Events ONLINE at fw.ky.gov.

Just click on "Upcoming Events" to search for happenings at Salato, or across the state! Even better, you'll receive 10% off the price of Salato programs and events when you present your valid Kentucky hunting or fishing license, or boater registration!



KENTUCKY BOURBON FESTIVAL SALATO CENTER SAMPLER

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2005

Looking for something fun and relaxing to do on a warm summer night? Join us for a Kentucky Bourbon Festival Sampler to benefit the Salato Center and conservation education! You are invited to sample Bourbon from 8 major Kentucky distilleries, as well as great food from Lexington and Frankfort area restaurants. The outdoor exhibits will be lit to allow for night-time viewing, and volunteers will be available to answer your questions about the Salato Center and all of Kentucky's native wildlife.

For tickets or more information call 1-800-638-4877 or (502) 348-3623.